



By the King,

# A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Commanding the Return of all His Majesties Subjects, who have taken Arms Under, and Now are in the Service of the *States General* of the *United Provinces* of the *Netherlands*, by Sea or Land.

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Whereas We think it for Our Service to Call home all Our Natural born Subjects who are now in the Service of the *States General* of the *United Provinces* of the *Netherlands*, being either *Mariners* and *Seafaring Men*, or *Officers* and *Soldiers* Serving at Land. We do therefore by this Our Royal Proclamation, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, straightly Charge, Require and Command all and singular Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and wheresoever, and also all Commanders, Officers and Soldiers Serving at Land, being Our Natural born Subjects, who have betaken themselves unto, and now are in the Pay or Service of the *States General* of the *United Provinces* of the *Netherlands*, or in the Pay or Service of any of their Subjects, That upon their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance, they and every of them do quit the said respective Services by Sea or Land, and return home to their Native Countries, within the times hereby prescribed, That is to say, That all Officers and Commanders at Land whatsoever, who are now in the Service of the said *States General*, in any place or part of the *Netherlands* or *Low-Countries*, do quit the said Service, and return home within the space of Two Kalender Months from the Date hereof, and all other Persons herein before mentioned, Wherever they are or shall be hereafter, in as short a time, and with as much speed as they shall be able, Wherein We do and will expect all due Obedience and Conformity. And We do hereby also further Publish and Declare, That all and every the Offenders to the contrary, shall not only incur Our high Displeasure, but be Rigorously proceeded against for such their Offence, by all ways and means according to the utmost Severities of Law. And We do hereby also Authorize and Command all and every Our Captains, Masters, and other Officers Serving and employed in any of Our Ships or Vessels at Sea, or elsewhere, and all and every other Our Subjects whom it may concern, to Seize, Take and bring away all such Officers, Mariners and Soldiers, and other Persons aforesaid as shall be found to be Employed, or to continue in the Service aforesaid, in Contempt of, and contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Our Proclamation.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.

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